

Erwin Hanna. Ross passed peacefully on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 after 91 years of life well lived.

Ross was born in San Francisco, CA, on October 20, 1922 as the youngest of six children to Tom and Wanda Hanna. Ross grew up in the Alhambra Valley with his four brothers and sister. Ross spent his childhood roaming the hills around his home and enjoyed spending summers in the Sierras. Ross's love of the outdoors was a legacy from his grandfather, naturalist John Muir.

Soon after graduating from Alhambra High School in Martinez, Pearl Harbor was bombed and Ross enlisted in the California Coast Guard where he served in numerous landings in the South Pacific. WWII sent him to the Pacific for four years, but built friendships that continued to grow for seven decades.

After the war, he went to Stockton, CA to attend the College of the Pacific (now University of the Pacific) where he graduated with a degree in business, and was a fraternity man at Alpha Kappa Phi Fraternity. Music was a major part of Ross's life and he led the Ross Hanna Orchestra during college. There Ross met a young Gladys Ann Stoeven who would later become his bride. Ross and Gladys married in San Mateo, CA in June of 1948.

Over the next 66 years the two of them had much to celebrate. A year to the day after they were married, they welcomed their first son, Hal. They moved to Dixon soon after his birth and two years later welcomed son Michael. Four years after their two boys, they welcomed a sweet daughter, Lynne. Ross and Gladys enjoyed raising their children in Dixon.

Ross imparted his love for nature to all of his children and grandchildren. Pack trips in the mountains, fishing in streams and lakes, hiking and enjoying nature are all a part of their memories. Ross left this life to join his parents Tom and Wanda Hanna, brothers Strent, John, Dick and Bob, his sister Jean and numerous family and friends who have gone before him. Ross is survived by his loving wife Gladys of 66 years; son Hal and wife Kathleen, son Michael Muir and daughter Lynne Hanna-Lincoln; grandchildren Tim Hanna and wife Jamie, Liz Fuller and husband James, Allison Theubet and husband Jerry and Mei-Lin Hanna. Ross lived to see eight great-grandchildren join his family; Kilian, Stephen, Natalie, Timmy, Gabby and Kolbe Theubet and Ross and Matthew Fuller. Ross will be missed by immeasurable friends and family members, but his love and music will play in their hearts forever.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MAYOR GEORGE VUKOVICH

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of former Mayor George Vukovich of Youngstown, Ohio who passed away on Monday, July 28, 2014 at the tender age of 87 with his wife of 64 years, Helen, by his side. He was a dedicated and compassionate public servant, serving for over 20 years as the Seventh Ward Councilman, Clerk of Youngstown Municipal Court, and Mayor of Youngstown.

When I first started my political career I was lucky enough to have spent time with George. He always had great stories to tell of the good old days. But more importantly he always gave good advice and counsel. I will always remember how much he talked about and treasured his family, especially his grandkids. I really enjoyed our time together.

Mayor Vukovich served as mayor from 1979–1983 and oversaw the city during one of its darkest hours. Although Youngstown was suffering from massive job loss due to the decline of the steel industry, Mayor Vukovich was able to hold the city together during one of its most trying seasons. He was a proud veteran of the United States Army who loved his community. Mayor Vukovich was also active in the Youngstown Democratic Party, a member of the Catholic War Veterans, the Croation Fraternal Union (Lodge 185, Campbell), and St. Angela Merici Parish (Sacred Heart of Jesus). He treasured spending time with his family, as well as hosting visits from loved ones, especially his grandchildren who were his greatest joy. He and his wife spent many winters in Florida during retirement where they enjoyed boating and long walks on the beach.

Mayor Vukovich is survived by his beloved wife Helen; his daughters, Carol and Sonia; grandchildren, Carrie, Michael, Carly, and Katie; brothers Peter and Henry, an abundance of loved ones and friends. George has been preceded in death by his loving parents, sisters Ann and Helen, as well as his brothers Jack, John, and Thomas. I am proud to honor the life of Mayor George Vukovich. The city of Youngstown is forever indebted to honorable years of his service. Youngstown is a much better place to call home because of his valiant work. My deepest condolences go out to his family and close friends. George will be deeply missed but his courageous spirit will forever live on through the hearts and lives he has touched.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,618,599,653,160.19. We've added \$6,991,722,604,247.11 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

FIRST RARE PEDIATRIC DISEASE PRIORITY REVIEW VOUCHER SOLD

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 2014

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, across this nation tens of thousands of children live with rare pediatric diseases, such as childhood cancers,

that threatens their bright futures. As the chairman of the Childhood Cancer Caucus, I have personally met with dozens of children and their families who are desperate for treatments.

Since the 1980s, only one new treatment has been developed for children with cancer. Sadly, for many other rare pediatric diseases, no Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved treatment exists at all. That is why I introduced the Creating Hope Act in 2011, to create an incentive for drug companies to develop new treatments for children with rare pediatric diseases, such as pediatric cancers.

Without any cost to the taxpayer, the Creating Hope Act established a priority review voucher (PRV) for rare pediatric diseases as Sec. 908 of the Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act. As an incentive for developing a new rare pediatric disease treatment, a company can be awarded a PRV by the FDA. The voucher entitles a company to a priority six month review of another new drug application that would otherwise be reviewed under the FDA's standard ten month review period. Companies can also choose to sell or transfer the voucher to another drug sponsor.

On Valentine's Day this year the first rare pediatric disease PRV was awarded to BioMarin for Vimizim to treat Morquio A Syndrome. There are fewer than 800 kids in the United States with Morquio A Syndrome. Vimizim will help children living with this terrible disease to live a longer and healthier life. That's what every kid should have.

And just this week, BioMarin sold its voucher to Regeneron Pharmaceuticals and Sanofi for \$67.5 million. This will allow BioMarin to reinvest their new earnings in even more products to treat rare and ultra-rare diseases. And it will allow Regeneron Pharmaceuticals and Sanofi to speed up FDA review of Alirocumab, an experimental drug designed to lower low-density lipoprotein cholesterol in patients who have previously tried other treatments. This is a win-win for the companies, but best of all this will benefit patients.

Mr. Speaker, I believe this news demonstrates the value of this important program. As Dr. Ned Braunstein, Regeneron's Vice President for Regulatory Affairs, said after his company announced that it was buying BioMarin's voucher, the "decision to acquire and leverage the voucher is clear evidence that this program is a valuable incentive for biopharmaceutical companies."

Many people deserve credit for helping to make the Creating Hope Act a reality. Congressman FRED UPTON, the Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, Congressman G.K. BUTTERFIELD, Dr. MICHAEL BURGESS, the Vice Chair of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health, and former Congresswoman Sue Myrick, were all tremendous champions of this law. So too were many countless advocates, but most of all Nancy Goodman. A mother and an advocate, Nancy is the founder and executive director of Kids V Cancer, which is fighting to change the landscape of pediatric research.

More children deserve life-saving treatments which is why I hope to work with my colleagues to make the rare pediatric disease Priority Review Voucher program permanent. As a father I can think of nothing more important than investing in our children's futures.

TRIBUTE TO MOTHER LOUISE
JONES

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 2014

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Mother Louise Jones was born in Brewster, Florida on September 24, 1931. She later moved to Chicago, Illinois in 1943, with her Uncle John and Aunt Jessie Walker, who lived in the South Chicago Community.

Mother Louise attended James N. Thorpe Elementary School and Bowen High School. She joined the Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago in 1946 and has remained active in the church affairs ever since. She served under Rev. Wainwright, she also served under G.G. Osborne and Rev. Hilliard Hudson as his pulpit nurse for 27 years.

Mother Louise's work and life were both immersed in the church. She held a number of governmental positions with the City of Chicago, County of Cook, and worked at both Oak Forest and South Shore Hospitals where she worked for 18 years until retirement in 2010.

Mother Louise loved politics and cooking and was actively involved with both. She was filled with vision, a warm spirit and hope. She was a helper and a giver, always giving and always helping.

Mother Louise was obviously one of the best social workers around, without even trying. She would sense a problem or need and always react to help.

We know that when time came, the good Lord just opened up the doors of heaven and said, "Well done my good and faithful servant, Louise come on in."

We express condolences to the family and friends, especially our friend and her daughter Dr. Sharon A. Latiker and immediate family and all of the host of loved ones that she is leaving behind.

May her soul rest in peace.

HONORING SHERIFF RODNEY L.
COFFEY OF MENIFEE COUNTY,
KENTUCKY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 2014

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheriff Rodney L. Coffey of Menifee County, Kentucky for his years of dedication and service to the citizens of Frenchburg, Menifee County, the Commonwealth of Kentucky and our great nation.

Sheriff Coffey has devoted over 20 years to the law enforcement profession. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Police Administration, graduated from the Department of Criminal Justice Training Police Academy, the National FBI Academy Class 229 and served eight years in the Navy Reserves.

He served on the Morehead State University Police Department for eight years prior to running for Sheriff. Elected Sheriff in 1998, Coffey served as one of the youngest sheriffs in the history of Kentucky. He was named Kentucky Sheriffs' Association Sheriff of the Year in

2003, served on the Board of Directors for the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association from 2007–2013 and was elected President of that same organization in 2014.

Soon after the devastating and fatal tornado that touched down in Menifee County two years ago, Sheriff Coffey invited me to see firsthand the relief and response efforts taking place. At a time of turmoil and tragedy, Sheriff Coffey provided a calming and helpful presence in the community. I remember him leading me into the Red Cross trailer where his wife and family were volunteering. His selfless devotion to maintaining the safety of the residents of Menifee County is truly heroic, and I am honored to represent him in Congress.

I commend Sheriff Rodney Coffey for his honorable service, his leadership in the community and his patriotic devotion to this nation. I am proud to call him a friend.

COMMENDING THE HONORABLE
DAVID R. OBEY

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 2014

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service, at the University of Wisconsin—Marathon, on the opening of their newest facility named after one of our state's most dedicated public servants, former Congressman Dave Obey.

The David R. Obey Civic Resource Center will provide opportunities to educate and encourage young people to become active participants in a healthy democratic society.

Many lessons can be learned from Dave Obey's leadership and service in this House.

While, Dave Obey remains a fierce champion of progressive causes, the Obey Center will embody his bipartisan approach and will encourage our citizens to explore the facts and ideas on both sides of any debate.

Dave's impact is still felt within the Wisconsin delegation today as we continue his tradition of working together, regardless of party, to serve the citizens of our state.

I applaud the opening of the Obey Center—a place that will ensure future generations of Wisconsinites become the leaders we need.

REDUCING REGULATORY BURDENS
ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2014

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the so-called "Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act," which would roll back clean water protections and allow untracked pesticide pollution in our rivers and streams.

More than two and a half years ago, the Environmental Protection Agency put in place basic pesticide protections by requiring a general permit for the direct application of pesticides into waterways. Nearly 2,000 waterways are already contaminated by pesticides, harming fish and amphibians and potentially

accumulating in people who eat those fish. The commonsense permit does not affect land applications of pesticides, maintains existing agricultural exemptions, and allows for immediate spraying to protect the public from vector-borne diseases.

Today's legislation would roll back the permitting rule, leaving pesticide application unmonitored and our waterways vulnerable to contamination. I urge a "no" vote.

HONORING MR. PAT BOWLEN

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 2014

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Pat Bowlen. Mr. Bowlen is a natural leader with unquestionable integrity, an incredible work ethic, and a voracious appetite for success. As the Denver Broncos owner over 30 years, he led the team to back-to-back Super Bowl Championships and 6 AFC Division Championships.

In 1984, Mr. Bowlen took over as the Denver Broncos CEO during a time when the team was having financial difficulties. Since then, his distinguished leadership and strategic vision has turned the franchise into one of the most successful teams in the NFL today.

His outstanding business acumen is respected by players, coaches, and the fans themselves. In 2000, according to an ESPN fan poll, Mr. Bowlen was voted in as the NFL owner fans would most like to play for.

Mr. Bowlen is also very proactive in the Denver community. In 2007, he was inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame, and in 2013 received the Mizel Institute Community Enrichment Award, only given to those who have exemplary philanthropic involvement in their communities.

During his personal time, Mr. Bowlen has participated in grueling fitness activities such as the Ironman Triathlon, which is just another testament to his incredible self discipline and work ethic.

Due to Mr. Bowlen's courageous fight against Alzheimer's disease, he will step down this month from his position as CEO of one of the greatest NFL franchises in history, but his dignified legacy will live on. Mr. Bowlen, thank you for being such a positive influence and inspiration for the city of Denver, the Colorado community, and people all across the United States.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION
"EXPRESSING THE SENSE THAT
THE UNITED STATES POSTAL
SERVICE SHALL TAKE ALL AP-
PROPRIATE MEASURES TO EN-
SURE THE CONTINUATION OF
DOOR DELIVERY FOR ALL"

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 1, 2014

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution of the House "expressing the sense that the United States